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Information document Basic Generic Training

In the framework of the CSDP, the EU conducts since 2003 civilian crisis management missions (CCMM) in various unstable or crisis area's on at least 3 continents. Currently, the EU is conducting around 15 missions that are taking place in Kosovo, DRC, Palestinian Territories, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Georgia and Afghanistan.

In order to conduct these missions, the EU is searching mainly for civilian experts in the area of justice (magistrates and judges) and police. Candidates that fit these profiles and that would be interested in participating at this training should address the respective authorities that are in charge of the selection procedure: Argentine.visart@just.fgov.be (justice) and peter.callens.5607@police.be (police).

But the EU is equally searching for other civilian expertise¹, namely in the following areas: political science, social sciences, economics, international relations, law/human rights, communication, public relations, journalism, public administration, programme management, finance management and accountability, logistics expert, human resources, information technology, medical personnel, paramedics, retired military or police officers. For the candidates that fit these profiles and that are interested in participating at this training, the selection is done by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (see email address below) in cooperation with the Egmont Institute.

The available posts in CSDP missions last for a minimum of 1 year (extendable) and the candidates will be seconded by the MFA. Accordingly, each potential participant should be aware that we are looking for candidates that are willing to be deployed for a minimum of 1 year and not less.

In order to increase the Belgian trained pool of civilian experts that are ready to be deployed if selected for a mission, the MFA organizes jointly with the Egmont Institute, the generic training (or core course) for civilian crisis management that is taking place twice a year. During this training, most of the important elements related to civilian crisis management and the mission's environment will be addressed. It should be noted that we are not training each person to become an expert in all the subjects that will be covered during this training. Rather, the training will offer a 'tool box' for the participant in order to facilitate his/her job and be more operational on the field once deployed in the mission. The next training will take place from 18 – 29 October 2010 in Brussels.

The training is delivered in English, as most of the CSDP missions are conducted in English. Therefore, all the candidates that will be officially selected by the respective authorities, will have to pass the same harmonized English test (written and oral) for which the candidates are required to obtain at least the B2 level in order to participate at the training (intermediate/advanced according to the EU standards). This English test will be organized in September and is compulsory. The test will be the last part of the selection procedure.

Interested persons for the second category of civilian experts are invited to send their CV and motivation letter at: anne.bourlond@diplobel.fed.be at the latest on 16 August 2010. The selection will take place at the latest on august 25 and will be based on the CV, motivation, deployability of the candidates and other well defined selection criteria.

¹ In order to differentiate, Egmont refers to these civilian experts as the second category of civilians.